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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Saeid Ebrahimi-dehKordy

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-11,13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-11,13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5,7-11 and 13-14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-5,7-11 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Okimoto et al (U.S. patent 6,449,055)

Regarding claim 1,10 and 11 Okimoto et al disclose: An electronic mail transmitting apparatus for transmitting document data via electronic mail, said electronic mail transmitting apparatus comprising: an application program for producing document data (please note column 10 lines 17-23) said application program having a function to send a print instruction to print the document data (please note column 10 lines 23-31) and a printer driver activated by the print instruction of said application program (please note column 10 lines 26-30) said printer driver having a function to convert the document data provided by said application program into a data format processible by

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an application program of an electronic mail receiver and a function to transmit the converted document data via electronic mail (please note column 10 lines 30-39) **where** in the printer driver is capable of selecting the data format suitable for the electronic mail transmission form among the plurality of data formats other than a page description language (PDL) format (please note column 27 lines 27-32).

Regarding claim 2 Okimoto et al disclose: The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printer driver transmits the converted document data by attaching to an electronic mail as an attachment file (please note Fig.7, column 14 lines 10-59 where the data and mail header are combined to create the email body)

Regarding claim 3 Okimoto et al disclose: The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a bit-map image format (please note column 22 lines 57-67 and column 23 lines 1-9).

Regarding claim 4 Okimoto et al disclose: The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a document reader software format (please note column 11 lines 45-55).

Regarding claim 5 Okimoto et al disclose: The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a text format (please note column 27 lines 27-32).

Regarding claim 7 Okimoto et al disclose: The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is one of a

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hyper text markup language (HTML) format and a standard generalized markup language (SGML) format (please note column 27 lines 26-32).

Regarding claim 8 Okimoto et al disclose: The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printer driver has a function to manage information regarding electronic mail addresses (please note column 8 lines 28-41).

Regarding claim 9 Okimoto et al disclose: The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printer driver has a function to edit a text of an electronic mail to be transmitted (please note column 12 lines 11-28).

Regarding claim 13 Okimoto et al disclose: The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said third program code means includes program code means for inputting an electronic mail address of a remote party to which the document data is sent via electronic mail (please note column 7 lines 28-40).

Regarding claim 14 Okimoto et al disclose: the electronic mail transmission apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printer driver includes means for determining the predetermined data format suitable for the electronic mail transmission being performed (please note column 27 lines 33-39).

### **Contact Information**

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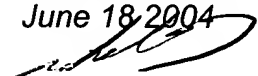
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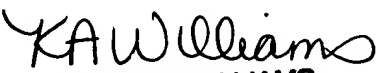
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